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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, CIA Records Management Board

SUBJECT : Retention Plans and Computer Out-Put Reports

- 1. I understand the 1 July 1971 memorandum from the Executive Director-Comptroller as expecting the Records Management Board "to provide recommendation concerning: (a) the development and application of an Agency policy establishing an 'office of record' responsibility for Agency documents insofar as storage, retrieval, and destruction are concerned".
- 2. I recommend that there should be an "Office of Record" and that it might be wise to break it down into two parts for the ease of handling. The first part would be the "Retention Plan" for Permanent Records which would include the office of record, and after this portion is completed the next would be the office of record for the temporary records.
- 3. I feel that the Directorates should be told this project is going on and that the Directorate Heads and Office Heads should give their support.
- 4. In the DDS we are developing a Retention Plan for Permanent Records.

 I have met with the Retention Plan Project Officer and Records Administration

 Personnel to discuss this project. I have assigned four DDS Records Management Officers to act as Panel Chairmen (2) and alternates (2) to discuss

 Retention Plans and distribution of alloted Records Center space for the coming years, in the forthcoming Records Conference to be held at in December. 25X1A

 I attended a meeting held by the DDI Senior Records Management Officer when he met with his RMO's to discuss the Retention Plan Project. We have the Mission and Functions of each office and a list of the "so-called" Permanent Records. My next move will be to plan and then hold a meeting of the DDS

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RMO's to explain and discuss our mission and goals.

- 5. The Executive Director-Comptroller also expects a recommendation concerning "the application of an Agency policy limiting the storage at the Records Center of all computer-prepared reports to computer-prepared microfilm copies of these reports".
- a. I recommend that the Agency not establish a policy which prohibits the storage of hard copy of machine listings at the Records Center at this time. We should discourage as much as possible the sending of this material to the Records Center. We must realize in certain cases it may be feasible to send hard copy of machine listings. to the Records Center.
- b(1) In the DDS, the Task Force SIPS, has put on five (5) COM applications this year and has many more they are studying. The five are: 2 in OF/Payroll, 2 in OP/Qual, and 1 in OTR, the Agency Training Record. They will add more as programming time will allow.
- (2) In the Office of Finance we have already converted and destroyed the hard copy of 100 cubic feet of machine listings to microfilm via the Rotoline camera, plus we have another 80 cubic feet in the OF we are now filming. From the Records Center OF plans to recall approximately 500 cubic feet of machine listings for conversion to microfilm.
- (3) Beside the 2 COM applications, we have in the Office of Personnel 19 other machine reports that will be microfilmed either by the COM application or via the Rotoline camera route.
- 6. Attached for your information is a list of the on going and planned OP machine reports that will end up as microfilm and not hard paper copy.

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